Non-Availability of Medicines

3333. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any shortage of necessary medicines in emergency department of Lala Lajpat Rai Hospital, Kanpur (U.P.);

(b) if so, the detail thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to provide medicines in time and in adequate quantity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

Defence Budget

3334. DR. G.R. SARODE : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item published in 'India Today' dated October 15, 1996 that fifty percent of the defence budget is spent on the salary; and

(b) if so, the decision of the Government regarding increasing allocation for the modernisation of the defence department?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b). The position of expenditure on Pay and Allowances during last 3 years is given as under :

(Rs.in Crores)

Year	Total Defence Expenditure	Pay and Allowances	Percentage of Defence Budget
1994-95	23245.26	7688.65	33.08
1995-96 (RE)	26879.00	9023.65	33.57
1996-97 (BE)	27798.47	9063.68	32.60

Government is committed to the modernisation and upkeep the Armed Forces. The fund requirements for defence are drawn up in consultation with all concerned wings and services, having due regard to obligatory and committed expenditures, requirements for maintenance, and the needs of modernisation. The aggregate requirements are then projected to the Ministry of Finance for allocation of Funds. The latter Ministry takes due note of the needs of modernisation while making the overall allocation.

[English]

Implementation of Land Boundary Agreement

3335. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any amendment to the Constitution of India is required in terms of Article 3 of the constitution, in regard to implementation of the land boundary agreement with Pakistan/Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the amendment bill is likely to be brought before the Parliament in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As a part of the legal procedure required for the implementation of India - Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement, 1974 a consolidated constitutional amendment is necessary to modify the relevant State boundaries under Article 3 of the Constitution incorporating the areas acquired/ceded to Bangladesh

(c) The demarcation of about 41 kms. of Indo-Bangladesh land boundary is yet to be completed. Legal advice given to the Government has suggested that in the absence of a fully demarcated boundary, it is not possible to arrange enabling legislation and the requisite amendment to the constitution. The Government propose to complete the task of demarcation of the boundary with Bangladesh with the cooperation of the concerned State Governments.

Irrigation Facilities in Orissa

3336. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI :
SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the sources through which irrigation facilities are provided in Orissa;

(b) the break up of irrigation potentials in that State;

(c) whether steps have been taken to increase irrigation facilities in that State;

(d) if so, the total drought prone areas in that State likely to get irrigation facilities by the end of 8th Plan; and

(e) the projections made for 9th Plan?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Irrigation facilities are provided in Orissa through Major and Medium irrigation projects and minor (ground water and surface water) irrigation schemes.

(b) The break up of irrigation potential created in Orissa through different sources is as under :

Source	Irrigation Potential Created (in thousand hectares)	
	From Pre-plan era to the end of 1991-92	During 1992-96 (anticipated)
Major & Medium Irrigation Projects	1400.00	93.05
Minor Irrigation Schemes		
(i) Surface water	635.77	68.55
(ii) Ground water	609.61	73.47
Total	2654.38	235.07

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Ongoing Eighth Plan Projects of Orissa, namely Upper Indrawati and Upper Jonk, envisage creation of irrigation potential of 218 thousand hectares and 16 thousand hectares respectively which will benefit drought prone areas also.

(e) Ninth Five Year Plan targets and outlays are yet to be finalised by the Planning Commission.

Adulteration in Cooking Oils

3337. PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have made any toxicological evaluation of the various kinds of cheap cooking oils being marketed in the country to know the contents of impurities causing health hazards;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government to check the adulteration in the cooking oils?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b). Survey carried out by the field offices of Dte. of Vanaspati Vegetable Oils and Fats under the Ministry of Food and Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution on quality of edible oils collected from retails shops from various centres of the country have not revealed presence of any impurities causing health hazards.

(c) Standards of edible oils have been prescribed under provisions of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 and Rules, 1955. The Food Health Authorities of States/UTs enforcing the provisions of PFA Act & Rules have been urged to keep a strict vigil on the quality of edible oils marketed in the country.

Irrigation Capacity

3338. SHRI PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the target of generating irrigation capacity of all the Five Year Plans started in the country till now was fixed at 86.99 m. hectare;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) the expenditure incurred by the Government to achieve this target during Seventh Plan and Eighth Plan so far; and

(d) the estimated irrigation capacity generated after implementing all the Five Year Plans and the projected additional irrigation capacity during the Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The expenditure incurred by the Government to achieve this target during the Seventh Five Year Plan and during the first four years of Eighth Five Year Plan are as under :

Plan Period	Expenditure (in Rs. crores) on creation of irrigation potential	
During VII Plan	14225.64	
During Annual Plans (1990-92)	7139.63	
During VIII Plan (1992-97)		
1992-94	8805.62	
1994-96	1242.54	(anticipated)

(d) The estimated cumulative irrigation potential (capacity) likely to be generated at the end of the Eighth Five Year Plan (1992-97) is 74.29 million hectares excluding potential created during pre-plan era. The targets and outlays for the Ninth Five Year Plan are yet to be finalised by the Planning Commission.

N.H. in Tamil Nadu

3339. SHRI K. KANDASAMY : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have accorded approval to construct National Highway in Rajaji district, Namakal town in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the time by which this work is likely to be executed; and

(c) the reasons for delay in undertaking the said work?